

CREDITORS OF THE LATE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS.

AN ACT
OF
THE LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS,

ASKING

That the balance of the appropriations under the acts of September 9, 1850, and 28th of February, 1855, for the payment of the creditors of the late republic of Texas, be refunded, and assuming all liability of existing indebtedness in that behalf, and releasing the United States of the same.

FEBRUARY 10, 1873.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

AN ACT to be entitled "An act to authorize the comptroller of public accounts to receive from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States the balance remaining of the fund appropriated by the acts of September the 9th, 1850, and February the 28th, 1855, for the payment of the creditors of the late republic of Texas."

Whereas by the act of September the 9th, 1850, the proclamation of the President of the United States of December the 13th, 1850, and the act of February 28, 1855, the sum of seven million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars was appropriated for the valuable consideration paid by the State of Texas, to be used for the payment of the creditors of the late republic of Texas; and whereas by the acts of August 18, 1856, December 26, 1856, and March 3, 1859, the time for the presentment and payment of said claims was extended to the 1st day of January, 1861; and whereas on the 1st day of January, 1861, there remained a balance of said fund in the Treasury of the United States of one hundred and one thousand one hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty-seven cents due the State of Texas; and whereas since the 1st day of January, 1861, the total claims presented at the Treasury for payment have not exceeded five hundred dollars: Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Texas, That the comptroller of public accounts be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to receive from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States all such balance, or balances, as may be remaining of the fund of seven millions seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars appropriated by the acts of September 9, 1850, and February 28, 1855, for the payment of the creditors of the late republic of Texas; and the comptroller is also directed, with as little expense and delay as possible, to cause*

such fund as there may be realized to be deposited with the treasurer of the State of Texas: *Provided*, That the State of Texas hereby assumes the payment of such legal and valid claims as may hereafter be presented against said fund, and releases the United States from all further responsibility or liability on account of said fund or assumed responsibility to settle with the creditors of the republic of Texas by virtue of the several acts aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That his excellency the governor be requested, at the earliest convenient period, to cause to be transmitted to the Congress of the United States, now in session, a transcript of this act, and that the same be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 30, 1873.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Austin, Texas.

I, James P. Newcomb, secretary of state for the State of Texas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original enrolled bill now on file in my office.

Witness my hand and official seal, at office in the city of Austin, this 30th day of January, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL.]

JAMES P. NEWCOMB,
Secretary of State.

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